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MODERN LADY DOCTOR



Over three thousand women graduates are now studying for the medical profession, and most of the training colleges are full up—so great is the rush of applicants. One of the graduates of the London School of Medicine for Women.

TRAGEDY



Station Officer Charles J. Brown, who made the gruesome discovery of the body of a murdered woman in a fire at Chelsea.

TRAIN DRAMA CLUE

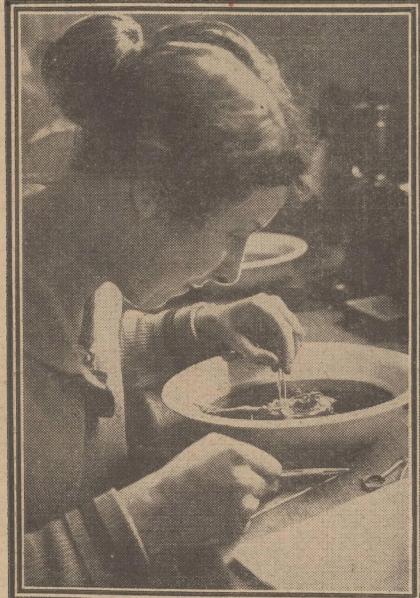


Mr. E. P. Harvey, a Liverpool barber, who was the man whose appearance tallied in some respects with the description of Nurse Shore's supposed assailant entered his shop on the day of the attack.

AN ULSTER WEDDING



Captain J. McClintock, R.N., C.B., D.S.O., and the Hon. Rose O'Neill, sister of the late Captain Arthur O'Neill, the first M.P. to fall in the war, were married at Randalstown.



A lady graduate dissecting a frog. The women students are every bit as keen and alert as their male colleagues, and it is evident that medicine is no longer exclusively a man's profession.



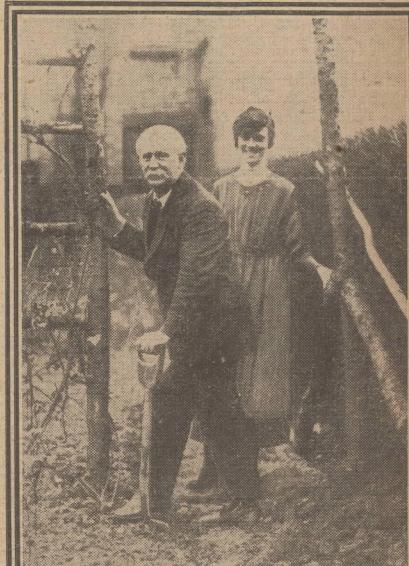
Instruction in the pharmacology laboratory.

TOY TERRIER GIVES THE ALARM.



This toy terrier, belonging to Lady Mary Wyndham, was responsible for the detection and capture of an armed intruder in her house at Regent's Park.

WINNER OF £10,000 PRIZE.



Mr. S. C. Glenister, of Purley, who has won £10,000 prize for making the nearest guess to the total subscribed to the Victory Loan, still finds time for "spadework."

BIG U.S. LINER IN DANGER OF SINKING.

Five Hundred Passengers in Peril in Atlantic.

CEDRIC'S RUSH TO AID.

"Water Gaining Rapidly—Pumps Are Choked—Leaking Badly."

HALIFAX (N.S.), Sunday.

A delayed wireless message received from the steamer Glasgow Head reports:

American steamer Powhatan, formerly German liner Hamburg (10,531 tons), for New York from Europe, in danger of sinking 400 miles south Halifax. The message, timed one, afternoon, says: "Leaking badly; fireroom flooded; pumps choked; water gaining rapidly; several hundred passengers."

White Star liner Cedric is rushing assistance, and is expected arrive six o'clock.

Gale and severe cold is prevailing on the Atlantic coast.—Exchange.

HALIFAX, Sunday (later).

Powhatan wirelesses Cedric "remove passengers when weather permits."—Reuter.

It is stated that there are 500 passengers on board, says Reuter.

'LONG TIPPERARY TRAIL.'

Regiments from All Parts to Attend First Empire Ball Reunion.

The chief interest of the first British Empire Ball, which is to be held in the Albert Hall on January 21 in aid of the St. Dunstan's After-Care Fund, will be the reunion of naval and military officers of the British forces.

Thus Miss Edna Mandie, organiser, explained to *The Daily Mirror* the plan of the function.

"We hope that the Prince of Wales will attend. Nearly every regiment in the Army, in whatever part of the country it is now stationed, has taken a box. The 2nd Yorks, stationed at Tipperary, have booked one, and several of their officers have promised to be present."

BARBERS' PARADE.

Hairdressers Who Objected to Saloon Being Open on Sunday.

London and local hairdressers paraded outside a hairdressing and shaving saloon in High-street, St. Mary Cray yesterday, carrying sandwich boards, on which were displayed the words: "Do not support barbers opening on Sunday."

The demonstration was against the proprietor of a saloon who opened on Sunday.

A large crowd, which included many workers from the adjoining paper mills, watched the proceedings.

The proprietor asserts that he will maintain his right to open on Sunday.

"BLACK MONDAY."

Sugar Ration Down to 6oz. per Head To-day—2d. To Add on Butter.

To-day is Black Monday—for the housewife. From to-day her sugar ration will be cut down from 8oz. to 6oz. per head.

This week sees 2d. per pound added to the price of imported butter. The lowest price of English butter after February 1, when control is removed, is to be 4s. 6d. As far as *The Daily Mirror* can glean, there is no immediate prospect of a rise in margarine.

Fish is likely to rise in price this week. To meet the higher railway rates, the Food Controller has permitted an increase in wholesale prices by not more than 5d. per stone.

More Coal.—With the increase of two shillings per ton, there is a material increase in the stocks at the London end.

Food Ministry's End.—The Food Ministry will cease to exist in August, though control over certain articles may be continued. The Food Controller promises a reduction of 2d. in the price of meat next month.

TWO HURT IN MOTOR MISHAP.

As the result of their motor-car colliding with a lamp standard in the Haymarket early yesterday morning, Arthur Glover, of Bromley-road, Catford, and Charles Glover, of Kingsland-road, Beckenham, had to be removed to Charing Cross Hospital for treatment.

After treatment for facial injuries and shock, Charles Glover returned home, but Arthur Glover, whose jaw had been broken, was detained. Last night he was reported to be "going on fairly well."

M. Lucien Boyer, the author of the famous French Army song "Madelon," has been decorated with the Legion of Honour.

CURTAIN DRAMA.

Italian Ex-Soldier's Desperate Struggle with Intruder.

SCENE IN A BEDROOM.

A sensational affair occurred at Durand-gardens, Brixton, a quiet, residential road running off Clapham-road, near Stockwell, early yesterday morning.

Eugenio Garroni was surprised by a noise in his room and found that an intruder was there. A desperate struggle followed, in which Mr. Garroni, it is stated, sustained ten wounds in the neck and back. He was removed in the police ambulance to King's College Hospital.

Fortunately none of his wounds was serious, and Mr. Garroni was removed home in the ambulance.

Mrs. Stacey, who had adopted and brought up the injured man from childhood, said that at 11.30 on Saturday night she heard a noise at the front door, at which the dog barked.

"Mr. Garroni," she said, "came in from his work in the West End a couple of hours after I went to bed, and went into his room, and dressed."

He was just putting the light out when he saw the curtains in the bedroom move. He switched on the light again, and immediately a young man rushed out at him.

"Mr. Garroni called out, 'Help! He is killing me!' I ran in and found Mr. Garroni covered with blood. I was so paralysed with fright that I could not scream."

The young man again went for Mr. Garroni, who was lying on the floor.

"One of the young men upstairs who had come down by this time took hold of the assailant and threw him down the stairs, and the intruder went away."

Neighbours on both sides of the house state that the struggle was so violent that they were awakened.

Garroni, who is aged thirty-three, served in the Italian Army during the war and took part in the big retreat on the Isonzo front.

A man has been detained at Brixton Police Station. He is an Italian and a junior waiter at the same hotel as that at which Garroni is employed as a senior waiter.

SILVER AS RARE AS GOLD.

Eastern Countries Taking World's Supply of Precious Metal.

"I shall not be surprised if in the near future silver coins are almost as rare in the United Kingdom as gold coins are now," said a financial expert to *The Daily Mirror*, when discussing the possibility of a 5s. Treasury note issue.

"The bulk of the world's silver is rapidly being attracted to the East," he said.

"The people have never been educated to the use of paper money, which they instinctively distrust."

The world output of silver cannot keep pace with Eastern demands. Hence the shortage here and in Europe.

"It simply means that the nations who understand credit and are accustomed to the use of paper money will have to give up competing for silver."

TRAIN MURDER INQUEST.

Coroner to Open an Inquiry This Afternoon—Lewes Barber's Story.

The inquest on Miss Shore, who was found dying in the Hastings train, will open this afternoon, and after evidence by Miss Rogers, who saw Miss Shore off at Victoria Station, it will be adjourned.

Mr. Edward Harvey, who keeps a hairdresser's shop close to Lewes Station, stated that on Monday evening, a quarter of an hour after the train in which the tragedy occurred reached Lewes, a young man in brown entered his shop.

"He asked for a shave and a trim up," says Mr. Harvey, "although his hair was extremely short. He had no overcoat, and although it was a wet day his clothes were quite dry. He was going to East Grinstead, and a train to London via that town left at 5.30."

DRAMA IN A FIELD.

Story of Lads' Fight and a Sequel Charge Against One of Them.

A fatal fight between two young colliers took place at Llantwit Major (nine and a quarter miles north of Cardiff) on Saturday afternoon. John Charles Herbert, seventeen, collier, has been arrested on a charge of causing the death of Edward Jesse Payne, sixteen, collier.

It appears that the lads had disagreed and decided to have a fight; they went to a field.

The fight had lasted about five minutes when Payne, it is alleged, received a blow under the heart. He fell and died almost immediately.

MINER M.P. PREDICTS TROUBLE.

Profits of the coal industry in the year ending July next would be between £70,000,000 and £80,000,000, said Mr. Ernest Harcourt, a Collier on Saturday. He contended that the time had come when huge gains like these should no longer go into the shareholders' pockets. He believed a serious situation would arise within the next few months.

'WELSH MIRACLES.'

"Wild Wales" Hospital Where the Limbless Learn to Walk.

ROMANCE OF A RACE.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CARDIFF, Sunday.

"Wild Wales in miniature" they call this acre of land down here. The official title is the Prince of Wales' Hospital for Limbless Soldiers, and it is the old mansion house of Cardiff transformed beyond recognition. (Photographs on page 8.)

"It has a miniature mountain and a tiny lake and sloping stony roads, and the men that leave this hospital are no more expert in the use of their artificial limbs than those who leave other hospitals."

The scheme originated in the mind of Sir John Lynn Thomas, the well-known orthopaedic surgeon. Sir John heard the tale of a race between father and son, both of whom had lost a leg. The father won easily with his old-fashioned peg-leg, while the son, using that old leg, was better than any new-fangled contrivance turned out of military hospitals.

Hence "Wild Wales" with its mountain and lake. "You cannot train a man on level ground if he is to spend his life in Wales, where one is always going up or coming down," argued Sir John. The result is almost miraculous.

To-day in "Wild Wales" I saw Welsh miners digging in a sandpit within sight of the fitting rooms, so that their new arms and legs could be adapted to the necessities of their special calling.

The rough stone paths are an exact reproduction of the stony roads of Wales, so that artificial legs are subjected to varying strains.

A long room is fitted with planks varying from quarter-inch to one inch in thickness. Walking these, supported by parallel bars, the patient is able to determine the exact length of limb that gives him comfort. At the far end are mirrors, so that he may detect any errors in his movements.

LEAP FOR LIFE.

French Airman's Narrow Escape from Flames—Fall on Dover Cliffs.

A French aviator had a narrow escape from being burnt to death late on Saturday afternoon on Swingate Downs, Dover, whilst flying from Frinton-on-Sea.

An eye-witness states that the machine came from the sea flying low. The pilot was apparently looking for a landing-place, and circled over the Duke of York's School buildings, but when the machine was close to the football ground the nose seemed to catch its tail.

It nose-dived to earth and burst into flames.

The pilot jumped as it struck and was burned about the face, his arm being also broken. He was removed to a military hospital.

IRISH "POTEEN" BOOM.

Police Search for Illicit Distilleries in North-West Ireland.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BALFOUR, Sunday.

Through the closing of the more isolated police barracks, illicit distilling or poiteen-making is enjoying a "boom" in North-West Ireland.

The most favoured spots are on the side of a mountain facing westward, so that the smoke will drift up the face of the hill and give less indication of the still's whereabouts.

The apparatus used is small and compact, and once the "wash" is prepared a night's "stilling" will produce several gallons of spirit.

In one place in Tyrone the police discovered one still and several stillhouses and two still-houses in the next townland.

The police when engaged on a search for poiteen are armed with long staves tipped with iron, and every suspected boghole and ditch is pried open.

PLUCKY TOY TERRIER.

Lady Mary Wyndham's Pet Secures Arrest of Alleged Housebreaker.

How a toy terrier belonging to Lady Mary Wyndham, of 43, York-terrace, Regent's Park, gave the alarm and brought about the arrest of Patrick Cavanagh (nineteen), a stoker, of Westbourne Park, on a charge of housebreaking, was told at Marylebone Police Court on Saturday.

Lady Wyndham stated that she was writing to the little dog on her lap began to bark and barked out of the room. She followed and overheard a noise on the landing below, but could see no one.

The housekeeper found prisoner, who made an earnest appeal to let him go, as his father had been killed in the war and his mother was poor and wanted money. She would have let him go, but the police when they found him in possession of a revolver and cartridges said they must charge him. Cavanagh was remanded.

3,000 "PEARL" AGENTS NOW "OUT."

Three thousand insurance agents are now out throughout the United Kingdom, announced Mr. Bernard Brooks (secretary of the union) at the "Pearl" agents' demonstration at the Surrey Theatre yesterday. It was not only a "Pearl" fight, but the fight of all agents.

MORE SECRETS OF ABODE OF LOVE.

Sister Ruth Still Living at the Agapemone.

HALL OF FIREPLACES.

Little Actress Who Was Playmate to Three "Holy Children."

"Sister Ruth is still at the Abode of Love at Spaxton.

"Only last Monday she was in my father's cottage, asking him to do some commissions for her in Bridgwater," said Mrs. Maude, whose parents live in a little cottage on the outskirts of the grounds of the Abode, to *The Daily Mirror* yesterday.

Mrs. Maude, who spent her early days in this little cottage, spoke highly of Sister Ruth. "She is kind to all the village people, particularly to the poor and sick," she added.

During her girlhood Mrs. Maude was constantly in and out of the grounds of the Abode, and on one occasion visited the big dining-hall, which is in the large house occupied by Mr. Smyth-Pigget, the self-appointed "Mes-siah."

"It was a long room, with a huge flower-adorned table in the centre," said Mrs. Maude. "Beautifully decorated, the room had three gilt fireplaces at each side. Only two fires were lit when I was there, but they made the place quite warm and comfortable."

"I have also been inside the chapel which stands next to the main house.

It is very small and tastefully kept. Of course, it has never admitted during a service.

"There are now some nine or ten houses in the Agapemone and about twenty permanent residents. This number is greatly increased at holiday times, when followers from different parts of the country come to stay at the Agapemone."

Mr. Smyth-Pigget always dresses in black and his clothes are cut in semi-clerical style, with his hat of black felt.

"By the way, none of the Agapemonites ever eat food in Bridgwater. They take all their meals at the Abode, and nothing is ever eaten until the repast has been blessed by Pigget himself."

"THEY ARE NICE CHILDREN."

Actress Tells of Playing with the Children of the Abode.

Mrs. Maude described the custom of burial of the dead at the Agapemone.

"They have a specially consecrated burial place in one corner of the grounds.

"It is said to be the custom that these people shall be buried in an upright position, as their stand is that in this way they will be more ready for the Resurrection."

Miss Edna Mandie, Mrs. Maude's fifteen-year-old daughter, a charming little dancer, who is now taking a leading part in the annual production of "Scandalous," was a playmate of the three "Holy Children" of the Abode.

Miss Edna Mandie, "dread" was her opinion, "I have played with them ever since I can remember. At first I called the eldest boy Glory, but he told me that his name was David."

"He used to come to the garden of grannie's cottage and shout to me to play with him. If I wasn't ready he would wait and occasionally throw gravel up at my window."

OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF.

To-day's Weather.—Strong S.W. to W. winds, gale at times in exposed places; some rain, coastal mist or fog locally; mild.

Craugh House, Derry.—was raided by Sinn Feiners.

Mrs. H. E. Jewell.—has been elected a member of the Barnstaple Town Council.

The Countess of Warwick.—is the prospective Labour candidate for East Walthamstow.

Many men and cattle have been drowned in floods in Belgium, says the Central News.

The America Cup challenge by Sir T. Lipton has been accepted by New York Yacht Club.

A women's mass meeting in support of the League of Nations will be held at the Albert Hall on February 6, at 7 p.m.

Officers and men who had to leave kit in barracks on mobilisation, which was lost, stolen or damaged, may now claim compensation.

Court Arco Valley, who assassinated Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian Premier, has had his death sentence commuted to imprisonment.—Reuter.

Saw Cinema Notice.—An heirloom necklace of 100 jewels was lost by Princess Josef Lobkowitz, and a boy seeing a notice of the loss on a cinema screen returned the necklace to the owner.—Ex-change.

"HAND OVER EX-KAISER" REQUEST FROM THE ALLIES

Holland Told of William of Hohenzollern's Moral Responsibility for Specific Crimes.

ASKED NOT TO HINDER CHASTISEMENT.

The ex-Kaiser's hour has struck. Holland has been asked to hand over to the Allies William of Hohenzollern, who is charged at least with moral responsibility for the violation of Belgium, carrying off of young Lille girls and U-boat frightfulness. Seven crimes are instanced.

M. Clemenceau, who signs the Allied Note, in recalling to Holland international duty, says she will not wish to give the appearance of protecting the ex-Kaiser, whose trial is demanded by the voice of thousands of victims.

What will Holland do? Will she give up the ex-Kaiser?

THE "TIGER'S" DEMAND FOR THE EX-KAISER.

"Trial Demanded For Lives of Thousands of Victims."

INTERNATIONAL DUTY.

PARIS, Sunday.
The following is the text of the letter handed to the Dutch Minister by the Secretary of the Peace Conference on the subject of the extradition of the ex-Kaiser:—

PARIS, Jan. 16, 1920.
In notifying by the present letter to the Queen's Government the text of Article 227—a certified copy of which is included—in the Treaty of Peace with Germany, which came into force on January 10, 1920, I have the honour to announce at the same time that the Allies have decided to put into execution without delay the conditions of this article.

Consequently, Powers address to the Government of Holland an official demand to hand over to them William of Hohenzollern, Emperor of Germany, in order that he may be sent for trial.

The persons residing in Germany against whom the Allied and Associated Powers have brought forward charges must be handed over to them in accordance with Article 228.

The ex-Emperor, if he had remained in Germany, would have been handed over in the same conditions by the German Government.

SACRED LAWS IGNORED.

The Netherlands Government is in possession of the most presumptuous reasons for the imperative demand that the premeditated violations of international treaties, as well as the systematic ignoring of the most sacred laws of international justice, be followed in the case of all.

The Allied Powers recall briefly among so many wrongs:—

The cynical violation of the neutrality of Belgium and Luxembourg.
The barbarous and pitiless system of hostages.

The carrying off of young girls from Lille, who were torn from their families and delivered up in a helpless condition to worse atrocities.

The systematic devastation of whole territories without military objects.

The unrestricted submarine warfare, including the inhuman destruction of victims on the high seas.

Innumerable acts committed against non-combatants by the German authorities in spite of the rule of warfare, etc., etc.

For all these acts the responsibility, at least in the moral responsibility, lies with the supreme head who ordered them or abused his powers to infringe or allow to be infringed the most sacred rules of the human conscience.

HOLLAND'S DUTY.

Holland would not fulfil her international duty if she refused to associate herself with the other nations, so far as her resources permit, in punishing or, at least, in not hindering the chastisement of the crimes committed.

The task devolves upon Allies of assuring the carrying out of Article 227 without permitting them to be compelled by the demand because, in the circumstances, there is question not of a public commission of a judicial character, but of a high international political act rendered necessary by the conscience of the world, in which the forms of law have been laid down solely to assure to the accused a number of guarantees of a kind so far unknown in international law.

The Powers are convinced that Holland, who has long shown her respect for right and her love of justice, and who was one of the first to claim her place in the League of Nations, will not wish to cover by her moral authority the violation of the essential principles of the solidarity of nations or attempt to prevent a repetition of a similar catastrophe.

The Netherlands people is deeply interested in no going out of the appearance of protecting the chief accused by giving him shelter on its territory, and in facilitating the trial demanded by the voice of thousands of victims.—Clemenceau.—Reuter.

"WOULD AS SOON FIGHT BRITISH AS GERMANS."

Admiral Sims' Story of Some "Instructions" He Received.

WHAT WASHINGTON THINKS.

"We would as soon fight the British as the Central Powers."

"Don't let the British pull the wool over your eyes."

These amazing "instructions," says Admiral Sims, of the U.S. Navy, in his evidence before the Senate Committee on Naval Awards, were received by him when he was ordered to England in March, 1917, just before America entered into the war. Other allegations of Admiral Sims are:—

Department did not co-operate, and it was ten months before the United States really came to the Allies' aid. There were no naval plans or policy.

Principle of concentration of maximum forces upon critical area violated by Department.

United States naval representative with the Allies not supported.

Interference with the Commander afloat.

"Months Might Have Been Saved."—Admiral Sims adds that from two to six months might have been saved if his request for four U.S. destroyers to guard shipping had been granted, and that there was a too great desire to protect the coast of the United States at imminent risk of losing the war.—Reuter.

An Inquiry.—It is believed that the sensational disclosures by Admiral Sims will result in a sweeping inquiry by the Senate, says the Central News.

After the hearing Admiral Sims refused to mention names, but the witness stated, but reluctantly, that they "Don't let the British," etc., instructions were given by the Navy Department officials.

Mr. Daniels, Secretary United States Navy, says that he has referred the Sims' communication to the General Board of the Navy.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Times says: "The warning remark attributed to someone in the Navy Department was a polite way of telling Admiral Sims that he should be careful not to let pro-British sympathies get the better of his judgment in dealing with British officials."

SINN FEIN VICTORIES.

Big Sweep in Municipal Elections—Result of "P.R." Test.

Municipal election results in Dublin show that forty-two Sinn Feiners have been elected, nine Municipal Reformers, fourteen Labour, fourteen Nationalists and Independent Nationalists and one Unionist.

Cork Sinn Fein has secured a big majority, while Linfield, so far as the counting has gone, the Republicans have six representatives and Labour four. The votes of three wards are still to be counted. In Galway out of twenty-three contests Sinn Fein secured ten.

The proportional representation test in the elections, says the Press Association's Dublin correspondent, vindicates in different aspects the claims of the advocates of this novel system.

Majority have obtained a legitimate power, but minorities have also obtained a legitimate direction of their local affairs. In the southern provinces purely Unionist candidates have obtained a footing in the most unexpected places. The percentage of spoilt papers averaged only 2 per cent. for the whole country.

In Ulster the elections for 543 seats resulted in 246 Unionists, 146 Labour, seven Union Nationalists, five Municipal Reformers and forty Independents.

NICE VISITORS' SURPRISE.

NICE, Sunday.
Last night the hotel employees here declared a general strike.—Reuter.

PARIS GETS SUDDEN BUT PEACEFUL "AIR RAID."

D'Annunzio Sends Airman from Fiume to Drop Leaflets.

PARIS, Sunday.

Towards the end of yesterday afternoon little green papers fluttered over Paris from the air.

They proved to be a message from D'Annunzio, brought by Lieutenant Carnimini, of the poet's squadron, who left Fiume at 7.30 in the morning, reaching Le Bourget at three in the afternoon.

He thus accomplished the 750 miles flight in seven and a half hours.

The message was a greeting to the "Latin brothers" and contained a violent attack on M. Clemenceau, whom D'Annunzio evidently thought was about to be elected President.—Reuter.

During the war D'Annunzio, who is the poet-dictator of Fiume, dropped leaflets over Vienna.

FRANCE'S NEW CHIEF.

Clemenceau's Good-bye—Millerand Asked to Form Cabinet.

France acclaims. M. Deschanel her new President. On every hand satisfaction is expressed at his election.

It is interesting to recall that Deschanel's election "revenges" a victory by Clemenceau twenty-five years ago, when the "Tiger" wounded him in a duel.

M. Poincaré called on the new President yesterday and remained with him for nearly an hour. Early in the morning M. Clemenceau called on M. Poincaré and handed him the resignation of his Cabinet.

M. Poincaré (says the Exchange correspondent) has asked M. Millerand to form a Cabinet. M. Millerand is now in consultation with his supporters.

The names of M. Barthou, Leygues (Minister of Marine) and Raoul Peret are mentioned in connection with the Presidency of the Chamber in succession to M. Deschanel.

M. Clemenceau, giving his story of his interview with M. Poincaré, said:—

"I simply thanked him for his consistent support of my Ministry. A few days ago, for the kindness he showed me, I always showed me, I always replied to me in very flattering terms."

Interviewed later, the "Tiger" said that he was leaving in a few days for Egypt, where he was to stay about two months. He added that he had no intention of writing his memoirs.

In the course of the day M. Clemenceau received a visit from Lord Derby, the British Ambassador.

RUSSIA'S BID FOR TRADE.

"We Have Plenty of Food," Says Litvinoff, "and Goods to Sell."

M. Litvinoff, the Soviet "Ambassador," who has been negotiating with Mr. O'Grady, M.P., at Copenhagen, welcomes the prospect of Britain reopening trade with Russia.

"We have enormous quantities of goods accumulated for export," he said in an interview with Reuter, including:—

Flax. Timer. Furs.
Hemp. Bridges. Platinum.
Bistles.

We need particularly all kinds of machinery, agricultural implements and railway material, if we cannot give the peasants manufactured goods we cannot expect them to give us grain.

Russia is prepared to permit commercial representatives and others from the outside world to enter Russia on a reciprocal basis.

"A total victory" for Soviet power is the comment of Moscow journals on the raising of the blockade.

Capital punishment has been abolished, says a Red wireless message.

Koltchak's Fate.—Allies in Siberia have appealed to General Janin, French Commander-in-Chief, to save Admiral Koltchak, who is held by the Reds at Verkhne Udinsk.

Reds hold gold regions in Siberia is the claim of Moscow.

Twelve milliards of roubles are alleged by M. Rykov, chief of the Supreme Council of Industry, to have been wasted by Soviet departments in Russia.—Exchange.

The Letts have taken many villages in the direction of Pskoff.

CAIRO EXPRESS HELD UP.

An attempt was made to wreck the Luxor-Cairo express on Saturday night, says a Reuter Cairo message. Fortunately only the last two coaches were destroyed.

A band of armed men attacked the postal van, shooting about £2,000 and wounding an official. The raiders attempted to seize the cash-box, but were decoyed by the guard, who handed them the box containing his fags.

MYSTERY OF CHELSEA WOMAN'S FATE.

Assailant Tries to Hide Crime by Attempted Cremation.

GRIM CELLAR SECRET.

Smoke from Burning Sawdust Leads to Fire Brigade Call.

A mysterious London murder was discovered in the early hours of yesterday morning, the victim being Mrs. Frances Buxton, landlady of the Cross Keys Inn, Laurence-street, Chelsea.

After inflicting fatal injuries, the assailant appears to have carried the woman's body to the cellar and then attempted to hide his crime by trying to cremate the body in burning sawdust.

A dramatic story of the discovery of the body of Mrs. Frances Buxton is told by Captain Officer Brown, of the London Fire Brigade, officer in charge of the Trafalgar-square Fire Station, Chelsea.

They were summoned by a fire alarm rung by a policeman, who found the saloon bar of the Cross Keys open and smoke coming up from the cellar.

"I went down into the back cellar, where the man was putting out a smouldering fire in a corner," said Brown. "It looked like a big heap of rags and sawdust out there, and in the other corner there was a load of sawdust used in the public-house for the bars."

"The sacking was smouldering, and I stooped down to brush away the sawdust to see if there was any fire underneath."

"I felt a silk dress. I said, 'There is a woman here!' and we at once uncovered the body from the sacking which had been thrown on it."

CASH COUNTED.

Silver in Heaps of £1—Landlady Who Lived by Herself.

Mrs. Buxton was terribly injured about the head, added Station-Officer Brown, and gave no sign of consciousness. Medical aid found life to be extinct. She was about fifty years of age.

There were wounds on both cheeks, on the nose, which appeared to be broken, and at the back of the head. The last, said the doctor, was sufficient to cause death.

"The silver had been counted and stood in heaps of £1 and there was another heap of loose silver and some coppers," said Brown.

"In a back room behind the bar, where the dead woman had her meals, were the remnants of supper—bread and cheese, it looked like.

"After we had been there some time I found a little biscuit-baked Bremenian dog in the room."

"It was a very quiet little animal and did not seem disturbed. There was no sign of any notes in the bar or the room."

I ascertained that Mrs. Buxton lived in the house, which is a big one, entirely by herself. She was a married woman. She employed two barmaids and a potman, who slept out.

VICTIM'S PETS.

A large staff of detectives are engaged on the case under the direction of Inspectors Burton and Grosser.

Robbery was undoubtedly the object of the assailant, and *The Daily Mirror* understands that it is not improbable that finger prints will help towards an arrest.

No one of the neighbors heard any noise, while the little dog raised no outcry.

The police can find little about the dead woman's past. For the last four years, except when the house was open for customers, she lived the life of a recluse, her sole companion being the little dog and an old cat.

Mrs. Buxton is said to have been an attractive woman, with a wealth of dark auburn hair. Where her husband is does not appear to be known.

Several well-known painters used to consort at the Cross Keys in their student days.

There is said to be in existence a passage leading from the end of the studio through Laurence-street, which was supposed to have been used by smugglers in the old days when the river bed ran across the thoroughfare.

WINDOW-CLEANER'S FALL.

Fond unconscious in Lindfield Gardens, Hampstead, with a window bar at his side, some forty feet under the third floor window, which he had been cleaning, William Loder, of Graham-mansions, Mare-street, Hackney, died yesterday at Hampstead General Hospital with out regaining consciousness.

DOCTOR'S LEG BROKEN.

When Dr. V. Green, of the London Homeopathic Hospital was riding a motor-cycle along High street, Fulham, yesterday morning he was hit by a tramcar and one of his legs was broken.

Her Sthamer is to be the German Envoy in London.

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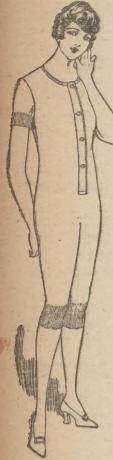
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A NEW START?

IT is not for Englishmen to comment on the intimacies of French politics. Let us therefore be content with recording that, after having obviously, if "unwillingly," posed his candidature for the French Presidency, M. Clemenceau suddenly withdrew; and the result has been that M. Deschanel has been elected.

This may be a new beginning.

Many honest and not "pro-German" men held that few of those who "won the war" ought to have been amongst those who made the peace: the reason being that the war-mind is totally inadequate to the task of grappling with peace-problems; and the war-mind would keep us always at war. President Wilson and the Prime Minister were almost the only two who went to the Conference without this war obsession at the back of their minds.

Dimly our French friends seem to have realised this; though, also, it may be noted that there were definite political reasons fighting against M. Clemenceau's success, since he pleases neither of the two parties of *rouge et noir*, red and black, into which (according to Dean Inge) Europe will be divided in the next generation: he pleases neither Church nor Reaction nor Radical and Socialist.

With that we have nothing to do, but it does greatly concern us—in view of our close alliance with gallant France—that the new mind should gain access to her counsels. If M. Deschanel is not a tiger—or a walrus—he may conceivably have some likeness to the dove: a bird greatly in demand after cosmic catastrophes. If so, he will use the European predominance left to his great country by the war in assuaging bitterness rather than in exasperating it.

AN END TO THE BLOCKADE FOLLY?

ON nothing is the Prime Minister to be more sincerely congratulated than on his success in getting the Russian blockade at least partially lifted; for the decision is said to be due to his initiative.

We believe that all along he has been instinctively right on this issue. What a pity that he should have deferred so often to the counsels of certain of his colleagues!

The way to cure the anarchy in Russia is to restore the trade of Russia; to leaven despair with normal intercourse.

This policy will also help the Exchange Problem which "statesmen" are at last attempting to consider, it seems.

The exchanges cannot be stabilised by a series of artificial loans; but only by a restored equivalence of import and export, as between ourselves and our creditors; as between Europe also and America. And the first condition of such recovery is a restoration of *reliability* to the markets. Traders and merchants are not only perplexed by the huge inequalities in money values, but also and more by the fluctuations of money. To a great extent *barter* must be re-adopted as an exchange basis, since money no longer serves its purpose. And for barter to be restored, credit must be restored also; and, further, trade must be *universally* free.

All this has been "hung up" by the policy of the Allies in continuing to make trade wars after having signed an official peace. May the Prime Minister continue firm in his endeavour to reverse the policy of cutting off our collective nose in order to spite our amalgamated face!

W. M.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

All love greatness and glories
Till God's a glow to the loving eyes
In what was mere earth before.

—Robert Browning.

WHY MEN WON'T WEAR COLOURS.

MY OBJECTIONS TO A CHANGE IN MAN'S DRESS.

By FRED BARNEs.

ALTHOUGH a dress artist has made a move towards introducing coloured modes for the male, and a gentleman in a green suit has actually walked down the Strand to the serious danger of traffic dislocation, the placid waters of fashion for men show no more than a ripple.

Man still wears his sober clothing and will continue so to do—for a good many reasons.

To begin with, man—Mr. Average Man—is an extremely self-conscious person. He doesn't like being noticed.

In that peculiarity he differs from woman.

Stare at a man and he immediately feels agitated. He feels sure that something is wrong and grows acutely uncomfortable. But

tempt to revive coloured modes, they would soon withdraw into their sober and sombre garments when they found themselves laughed at.

Then there is the trouser question.

Trousers are a product and a necessity of modern civilisation. Man finds two cloth cylinders a handy form of protection for his legs, and has proved the much-maligned trouser to be a trusty friend. In spite of all that may be said in favour of breeches, the trouser pleases the average man better.

"TOO DRASIC."

For the average man considers his legs to be his private property, and doesn't encourage a fashion which exposes them. In these modern days, we do not all excel in that respect. We are inclined to be shy about them.

Then, again, man is terribly conservative.

He does not approve of drastic changes, and certainly not in his own modes. His tailor may chop a corner from his coat, add an extra button to his waistcoat, or raise the revers of his overcoat, but his tailor is restricted, ex-

WIVES AS "CHATTELS."

WHY MANY MEN STILL LOOK UPON WOMEN AS "POSSESSIONS."

HIS WORLDLY GOODS.

W. M. is angry with the law for treating us as "chatteis." Very kind of him!

But we are chattels, as long as we are not economically independent.

One of the great humbugs about the marriage vow is that in it the husband talks about "endowing" us with "all his worldly goods."

Of course, he doesn't! But he ought to.

Such money as the man gives his wife for housekeeping should legally be settled on the wife.

Then she would be no longer a "chattel." Wimbledom.

F. M.

"MANAGE MY LIFE."

WOMEN do not like being called "chatteis," though most of them don't know what the word means.

But I think many women like being owned. A woman likes to give up her independence. One of them said to me long ago: "I want my life to be managed for me."

And so she got married.

A DEFENDED WOMAN.

"ANOTHER COLD."

"W. M." is mistaken. It is not—"another cold" we get, but the same chronic one—periodically getting more acute whenever it has surroundings to irritate it.

People neglect colds till they become chronic. Then they take years to cure by persistent daily treatment.

The proper way to prevent these constant surrenders of an old chronic "cold" is to use a suitable disinfectant—gargle or nose douche, whenever exposed to any cause of infection.

Muffing up the throat or turning up the collar (as all people suffering with chronic catarrh do) is worse than useless, it only makes the throat more delicate. WALTER WINANS.

LABOUR AND CAPITAL.

NO useful labour can be done by a man's hand without the use of his brain. To talk of manual workers as distinct from intellectual workers is therefore as absurd as it is misleading.

Moreover, the correct meaning of the word "capital" is wealth used by labour in the production of more wealth.

The men call it no animosity between capital and labour—one might as well talk of a blacksmith quarrelling with his anvil.

The present world-wide struggle is not between capital and labour; it is between privileged idleness and useful work. And the final triumph of labour is sure, however long it may be delayed, and however much misery may be caused by the efforts of the idlers to retain their unjust privilege of living on the labour of their fellowmen.

G. O. WARREN, Major.

BOY'S DRESS.

I THINK it is time some protest was made against the present-day adoption of soft collars by boys under fifteen in place of the Eton collar, worn in the proper style, viz., outside the jacket.

One constantly sees quite small boys of seven or eight wearing soft collars, and most boys of ten or eleven consider themselves sufficiently grown up to discard an Eton collar, and either change it for a soft collar or else attempt the clumsy and vulgar compromise of wearing the Eton collar inside the jacket.

If parents and schoolmasters do not make a stand against this absurd and inelegant fashion the Eton collar will soon become obsolete, and with it the real childhood of the British youth.

B. H.

SHORTER LETTERS.

Women and Art.—Fancy comparing the artistic achievement of a Melba and a Patti with that of Shakespeare or Dante! Your correspondent, "Authoress," is laughing at us.—AN AUTHOR.

Tobacco and Husband.—"Married" wants us to avoid husbands who smoke too much, and he bids us observe their cigarette-stained fingers. But what about the pipe-smoker?—ANXIOUS TO GET MARRIED.

Foot Warmers.—Whilst agreeing with "H. J." that one might be supplied with a little warmth for our feet when travelling on a cold winter's morning in a cold railway compartment, I would like to mention for his edification, that fuel, like everything else, has increased in price since the days of pre-war luxuries. Therefore, how can "hot water" be as cheap as ever?—BELIEVE ME.

Population Pressure.—The news of the spread of Bolshevism through the Far East will surprise no one who knows the present pressure of population on the means of subsistence. Man proposes, but evolution disposes. The low birth-rate nations crushed the high birth-rates of Germany and Austria-Hungary, and now their peoples will join with us to resist the high birth-rate nations of the East until they, too, become civilised.—BIOLOGY.

IN MY GARDEN.

JAN. 18.—Give fruit trees attention during the next two weeks. When pruning is undertaken remember how important it is to thin out the branches so that light and air can freely reach all boughs.

A tree that is a mass of crowded growth will never produce good fruit. Burn the prunings and scatter the ash around the trees.

Young orchard trees must be kept free from grass and weeds. Now is a good time to clean the ground. Spraying can be done this month.

E. F. T.

THE BOY'S RETURN TO SCHOOL.



All the week-end boys have been going back to school. Consequently, there have been fearful last-minute scenes of packing in a hurry and leaving everything behind. (By W. K. Haselden.)

stare at a woman and she puts your stare down at once as admiration.

Now colour, as every man knows, catches the eye.

Man doesn't want to catch the eye in that way. Had he any ambition towards becoming the cynosure of every eye he would buy a pink suit, with cravat and ruffles, plumed hat and broadcloth waistcoat, right away. "Loud" dress appeals to but a very small minority of men.

That minority might attempt to bring back colour into man's dress and revive the dandy fashions of a past age, but in revolutionary ideas the minority are generally swamped by the majority in the end. The majority of men belong to the middle and poor classes, and they, frankly, couldn't afford to wear coloured clothes.

Dark clothes are more serviceable, less noticeable and more economical.

Bright clothes would mean death to the ready-made. Colour demands a good tailor who is an artist at his work. Otherwise male modes made in bright tones would look ridiculous. Now ridicule will kill any campaign, so, even were men to favour this

cept on such minor changes. To bring in coloured clothes, brocades and velvets, fanciful waistcoats, cravats, ruffles, knee breeches and buckled shoes would be too drastic.

Besides, would such clothes be serviceable in these days of rush and hurry?

Imagine a modern Beau Brummell boarding a lorrybus.

Picture his lace ruffles after that daily battle in the Underground, and the scratches on his silver shoe buckles after an hour's strap-hanging. Conjure up one of England's "dirty" days and the mud-splashed, fog-smudged condition of a city man's pink suit when he finally reached his suburban home.

I don't see the least why men shouldn't wear more cheery garments, why they should stick to black and grey, brown and navy blue cloth for all their suits, but I see a good many reasons why they won't wear Beau Brummell modes.

Change man's fashions by Act of Parliament and he might obey, but attempt to change them by appealing to his vanity and there's nothing doing. His self-consciousness, his conservativeness and his admiration for serviceableness bar the way to change.

HOW TO REACH YOUR HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY. THE BRAIN AS THE SENIOR PARTNER.

By HENRY DE HALSALLE.

This interesting article tells how necessary it is to maintain a vivid interest in life.

THE lengthening of the span of human life is put forward as a remedy for social unrest and a means of increasing production by Dr. William Mayo, president of the American College of Surgeons, in an address to the clinical congress of the college.

But before this an Englishman with the same idea visited the New York insurance companies in turn to emphasise the importance of the subject—from the point of view of life insurance especially.

The Englishman's idea took practical form at once, and as a result they have in New York the Life Extension Institute, with ex-President Taft as its chairman, a hundred leading scientific men as its reference board, and a staff of over 5,000 physicians.

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In short, the subscribers have the benefit of "specialist" opinion on all "the ill that flesh is heir to" for a trivial sum per annum. Without doubt the Life Extension Institute of New York is a step in the right direction—towards national health and longer life.

EE CHEERFUL AND OPTIMISTIC.

Buffon laid it down that man should live for at least a hundred years. The elephant, the swan, the parrot, the pike, to name a few creatures, often exceed the century. They appear to be natural centenarians. Then why not the "paragon of animals," man?

It is not civilisation that kills: on the contrary, we have evidence that the span of life has increased with civilisation.

Life also grows more interesting day by day, a fact which is proved by the columns of the daily newspapers. Undoubtedly we live in the most-interesting period of history, and this in itself is of the highest psychological value: since to maintain an interest in life is one of the essentials of attaining old age.

Mental activity is as necessary to health as bodily activity. The brain, sometimes referred to as the "senior partner," must not be allowed to become a "sleeping partner." In the case of the centenarian one invariably finds that he "preserves his faculties."

Press representatives who periodically interview the centenarian invariably find their subject "cheerful," "lively," "optimistic," "still energetic"—I quote from several Press cuttings in front of me.

One old lady of a hundred had only one regret—failing sight caused her to have the newspapers read to her. "I have always been interested in everything," she brightly assured a reporter.

There you have one great "secret" of longevity—interest in life, which means activity of mind.

M. Clemenceau is only seventy-eight. Since 1917 he has been Prime Minister of France and Minister of War. Yet he still rises at four o'clock in the morning and does a day's work before most of us sit down to our morning coffee.

DEFYING DECAY.

He has been an author of books, a doctor of medicine, an editor of newspapers and a strenuous politician for over fifty years.

He has fought duels and written plays. When he ceases to be Prime Minister of France he is going to take his first real holiday. But he will not spend a lazy time at Dieppe or any seaside resort. He will go to view the Pyramids!

Scientists, perhaps, have leaned too much on the side of physiology in their labours towards human health and the prolongation of life.

Metchnikoff with his "sour-milk" theory and all the makers of the "elixirs" of life are not wholly on the right track. It is the "senior partner" that matters; and that fact is beginning to be appreciated in scientific circles.

Use is the great preservative, and the use of the brain protects and develops the nerve power of which it is the reservoir and on which in large part longevity depends.

The man who has used his brain for the best part of his life, say for six hours a day, has in fact trained his nerve power and placed it beyond the reach of early decay or that kind of feebleness which makes so many apparently healthy persons succumb so readily to attacks of disease and "old age."

DO WOMEN NEED LEAP YEAR PRIVILEGE?

MAN'S ERROR IN THINKING HE CHOOSES HIS WIFE.

By T. H. SCOTT.

ONE of the vainest of conceits that men have hugged to their hearts for centuries is that theirs is the privilege of choice in fixing up the matrimonial contract; theirs the pleasure and hazards of pursuit, and to women's gentler nature the sweets of surrender, the passive yielding to masculine strength and ardour.

That is how courtship presents itself to most men, and there is scarcely a happy Benedict who does not plume himself on his wise choice of a wife.

He is always convinced that he singled her out of the whole world of women and, by his own superiority and attraction, won her.

That is the man's view of the matter, and the woman rarely dissent from it.

Her silence is taken to be acquiescence.

But in woman silence does not necessarily mean acquiescence—it more often means that she is getting her own way. Man's self-deception is her most powerful ally, and she knows better than to underrate him.

What is the truth of the matter?

On man falls the burden of putting the question into words—as a rule—but even here he frequently receives valuable aid.

That, however, is about the full extent of his choice. The initiative of the proposal nearly always lies with the woman.

It is the woman who decides long before the

man "chooses," that he is the man she shall marry. And it is the woman who conducts the courtship that ensues. The man merely occupies the positions she prepares for him. And he never knows it!

The subtlety and "instinctiveness" of women's intellect have always led the plainer, stronger nature of the man in chains that in his simplicity and vanity he does not even see.

A youth and a maiden meet in the halcyon days of the mating-time of life. Long before the man has come to any conscious opinion about her, the woman has chosen him for her husband. She is not always aware of it herself.

The mere fact of that choice tends to make her attractive in his eyes. Her woman's nature reacts to her desire. It seems almost as if the desire in her heart passes by some telepathic means to his.

There is a sympathy, a receptivity towards him that he feels without observing, and it is of such delicate threads that love is woven.

He begins to single her out. He is at great pains to contrive meetings.

At length he commits his hopes to words. So, with variations, are most marriages made.

Marriage is essentially the woman's business: Nature could not do her work so badly as to leave its management to man's clumsy methods. It is in accordance with the eternal fitness of things that woman should choose her husband.

One day perhaps man will develop so far as to perceive this, and then he will come to laugh at the joke of the Leap Year proposal.

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THE PHOTOGRAPHS WE CAN DO WITHOUT.

By EVA BRETHERTON.

WE are the proud possessors (pro tem.) of a house. Not an unfurnished one, let me hasten to add, for fate has not seen fit to provide a place to harbour our household gods, some time since consigned to a furniture repository.

Still, a house—even when objectionably filled by other people's belongings—is a house.

It is not "rooms" nor "board residence," neither does it describe itself as a "pension" or force upon us the mysterious, but increasingly familiar, appellation of "P.G."

For all these things we are grateful to it, looking benevolently upon the manifold faults and failings which every woman discovers in every other woman's home.

But the furnished house has its humours, kindly as we may regard it, most of them centring round the peculiar ways of the "other people" who are its proper inmates.

In the first place, there are their relations photographs!

Why, we ask each other, must people have photographs of their relations, and, having them, hang them upon the wall to glare resentfully upon the stranger?

We do not know these persons or want to know them. We wonder why they exist at all; yet doubtless they are amiable and agreeable beings, no whit less charming than those relatives of our own whose portraits lie smiling sardonically in the darkness of the respiratory.

Then the "other people" seem so singularly without our own knowledge of the exact spot in which to place a chair, a table, a mirror or writing desk. Strange, indeed, to like one there or there!

They have strange tastes in saucepans,

hearth-brushes and shovels, too. Their backs seem to require cushions where ours prefer hollows, hollows where ours crave support. They will cover tables that we like bare, be minus a rug at the exact spot that seems to us draughty, and so forth.

The antimacassars of others can be singularly annoying; and then there are the aspidistras, plants whose sturdy and patient qualities we quite overlook because they do not resemble our own favourite pot-plants (boarded out with various friends and growing and blooming not for us).

The patterns of carpets and wallpapers are always those that no persuasive salesman could sell to you.

You wonder how people can live in such surroundings.

The basket-stands, small tables, pipe-racks and other trifles drive you nearly out of the house, but not quite.

You find either that the householder whose place you are taking liked too much fresh air or too little, and you either have to plug openings or dig wedges of paper from keyholes and between window sashes. Altogether, you have never before seen such a house, and you hope you never will again.

But there are compensations.

Apart from the valuable nature of having to oneself any kind of house, the furnished one offers an eminently satisfactory freedom from responsibility.

We pay—and there's an end of it. Anything inadvertently broken or spoilt has only to be replaced and no (for us) cherished association is lost.

Then there is a good deal of smug satisfaction in rearranging and "improving" other people's belongings, and anything that cannot be improved we can serenely hide from view.

So until such time (if ever) as the repository can be required to give up its captives we make the best of, and are thankful for, what we have got.

"OVER THE TOP" IN WELSH HOSPITAL.



A useful and artistic device at the Prince of Wales' Hospital, Cardiff. In order to give "the boys" confidence and practice in the use of their artificial limbs a miniature "Wild Wales" has been designed. The maimed men are seen at morning parade on the rugged hillsides.



Private Evans, late R.A.S.C., Motor Transport Section, is seen practising digging with his new arm.



All men seen in the picture are minus one of their legs, and are busy in the limb shop making legs and arms for their comrades who follow them in hospital. —(Daily Mirror photographs.)

JAPANESE WRESTLING.



Beating the drum in the streets of Tokio to announce the opening of the annual wrestling season, which is always an eagerly-anticipated event in Japan. It overshadows even the political situation.



Mr. Peter Reg. Bushby, A judge killed by natives in New Zealand when he attempted to fill acetylene gas containers with a home-made apparatus. Father Philip Fletcher, an uncle of Viscount Allexton, whom Pope has made a Commander of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre.



DANCE FROCK. — Extremely smart is this dance frock of amber charmeuse. Heavily embroidered scarf of nimon to match makes it distinctive.



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talation of the County of London Regiment entertained 280 chil-
and present members of the battalion at Penton-street on Sat-
urday. Some of the "kiddies" enjoying themselves.

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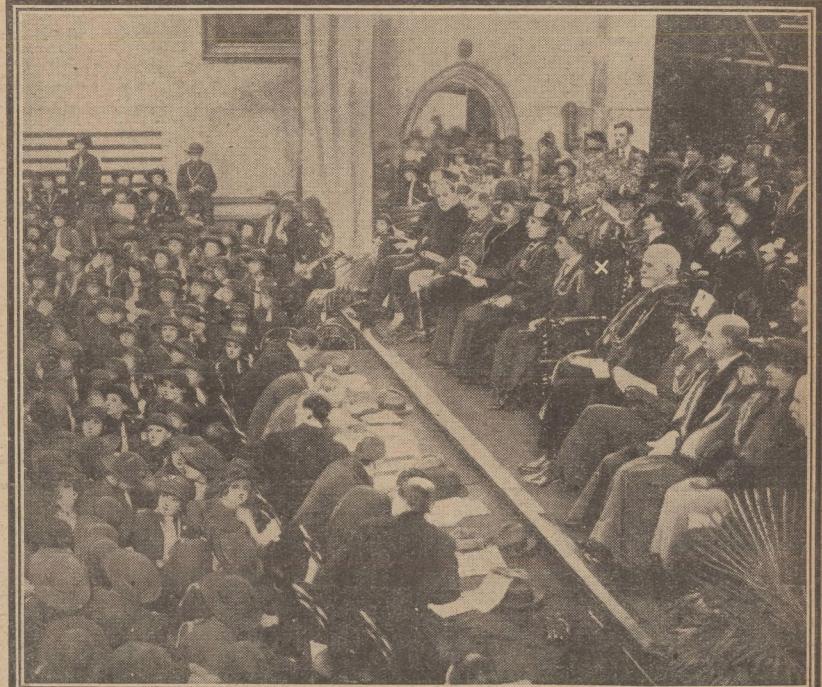


Dr. J. Sidney Turner,
for many years chair-
man of the Keween Club,
who has died at the age
of seventy. He held
many public offices.



Col. Sir F. Nathan,
K.B.E., appointed power
alcohol investigation offi-
cer under Fuel Research
Board of Department of
Scientific Research.

PRINCESS MARY AS A GIRL GUIDE.



The scene inside the hall on Saturday, when Princess Mary (marked with a cross) was present, in uniform, at a rally of 2,000 Girl Guides at Norwich and decorated Mrs. Gillett, captain of the 1st Brooke Company, with the Nurse Cavell Badge. Mrs. Gillett, when in camp, saved a guide, aged eleven, from being burnt to death.

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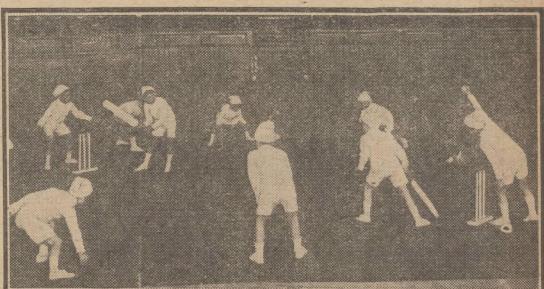
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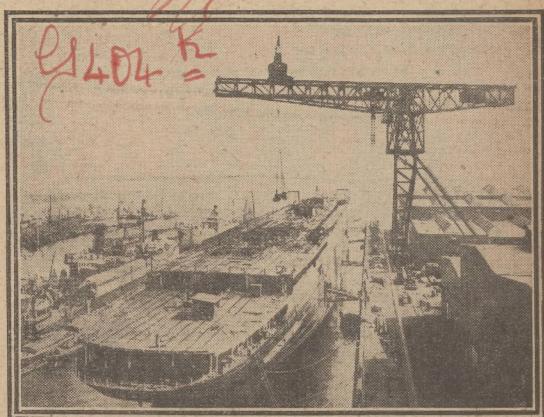
EVENING GOWN. — An over-tunic of jet makes smart this evening gown of black charmeuse. Flowing tulle draperies give it the desired pannier effect.



Widen Hurdle Race, which was won by Cylenius.



CHILDREN'S CRICKET.—The "cricket" tableau at the Jubilee Fête of Dr. Barnardo's Homes held at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday. It was one of the most appreciated items on the programme.



GIANT CRANE.—Under the terms of the Peace Treaty Germany is to hand over to us an enormous amount of dock material. The photograph shows a huge crane at Hamburg which is to be surrendered.

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Lady Zia Wetherell will entertain her friends at her new home at Regent's Park.



Miss Joan Lloyd, with Sir Martineau, has arrived in town for a few months.

FOOD CONTROL.

Shall We Have 5s. Notes?—An Actress as a Playwright.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE FOOD MINISTRY is to expire coincides with a struggle behind the scenes regarding the maintenance of control. I gather that the preponderant feeling in the Ministry is to maintain restrictions upon the buying of wheat and sugar until there is an abundance in the world—which may be in 1921. The Board of Trade may take charge.

Women and the Presidency.

The retirement of M. Clemenceau from the fight and the election of M. Deschanel as President of the Republic is of great interest to the women of France. Under a Clemenceau régime the Elysée would not have "set the fashions." Under President Deschanel there will be no lack of chic dress. The Elysée is going to be very smart, they say.

M. Clemenceau's Book.

If it is true that M. Clemenceau intends to write his recollections of the war period in France the result will be one of the most interesting books that the great struggle has yet produced. Books by professional soldiers are apt to be narrow, for obvious reasons. But the Tiger's memoirs will cover a wide field.

Back from Paris.

Mr. Bonar Law is expected back from Paris to-day. Cabinet meetings will be held to settle details of the programme for next session.

The Trial of the Tyrant.

I am told that if and when William of Hohenzollern is given up to be tried the proceedings will not take place in London. A present Doyen Castle is favoured as a venue in official circles.

The Shah's Wish.

It is said that the Shah of Persia wanted lately to visit that part of Germany which is in the hands of the Allies. It was only with the greatest of difficulty that the members of his staff persuaded him to abandon his purpose.

A Ridiculous Rumour.

One thing is certain. None of our Royal Family will visit Germany for years to come. Whoever started the rumour last week caused the Prince will go there before his Indian visits quite wrong.

The Watch on the Rhine.

There is quite a big British colony in Cologne now. Not only are officers' wives and children there, but many of the men have also brought out their families. The British wife, wearing her blue and white armlet, is a conspicuous figure in the shopping centres, and of a morning on the Esplanade there are quite a number of little Britons taking the air in charge of their nurses.

Going to School.

The education of the children is not neglected, the school for British children in Cologne being now one of the city's institutions. It owes its inception to the combined efforts of the Deputy Chaplain-General and the Y.M.C.A., and fifty pupils are to be found daily in the spacious Loreley Hall. They gave a capital New Year entertainment, at which were, amongst others, the Commander-in-Chief and Lady Robertson.

Expensive Motor-Cars.

So great is the demand for motor-cars that even second-hand cars are commanding very high prices. A motor agent has just sold a 1913 Rolls-Royce for £3,500. It had been thoroughly overhauled and repaired.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

Spring-Like January.

A considerable amount of comment is being made on the unseasonable mildness of the weather. The birds evidently think that spring has come, for one hears them piping and chirruping in the park trees. Yesterday I heard a note very like that of a blackbird in Regent's Park.

Five-Shilling Notes.

A long time ago I told you that five-shilling notes were ready for issue; and the recent rise in the price of silver has emphasised the fact. I hear some people complaining of an alleged scarcity of silver coins, but I have not noticed it. As a matter of fact, there is more of a famine in what the police court reporters call "bronze."

The Question.

How comes it about that the War Office still gives its weekly lectures to newspaper men upon war? Is it to "indoctrinate" the Press with keen anti-Bolshevist spirit?

A Big Campaign.

I am being deluged with printed matter from the Labour Party, urging the nationalisation of mines, and I understand there will be a great campaign, including house-to-house visitation, to further the cause at once. Government advisers predict it will be a failure. But they may be a wee bit over-sanguine.

Oranges and Lemons.

Sir T. Sturmy Cave, K.C.B., and Lady Cave were early arrivals at St. Clement's Dane's to see their son, Captain W. Sturmy Cave, D.S.O., married to Colonel Wishart's pretty daughter. The bride looked very youthful in oyster-white charmeuse. An arch of white chrysanthemums was put up in



Mrs. Cyril Benson, a mother and also a young actress in her 20s.



Miss Doreen O'Brien, daughter of Sir Timothy O'Brien, is a keen follower of beauty.

the canopied and oranges and lemons were hung in among the flowers—thus realising the play-rhyme. The bride had designed the Burne-Jones dresses of her three little nieces, who acted as bridesmaids.

Who Were There.

Ten ringers pealed the famous bells; and among the distinguished guests I saw Sir Robert and Lady Carlile, Lady Cave's brother, Prebendary Carlile, and his son, Major Hugh Carlile, Mrs. Wishart, the bride's mother, and Sir Hildred and Lady Carlile. Sir Edward and Lady Marshall Hall, and Mr. W. F. Hamilton, K.C., and Mrs. Hamilton came from the Temple. Lord and Lady Morris brought Mrs. Norrie-Miller.

Naval Wedding.

There was much gold and dark blue at Christ Church, Down-street, on Saturday, when Lieut.-Commander Harold Knight, R.N., was married to Miss Alix Dalziel, a charming bride, who walked to the altar a mass of filmy old lace, with a train of white velvet showing a blushing pink lining.

Cape a Pic.

A correspondent writes: "I can beat your officer with the pipe. On Friday I passed a well-turned-out officer in the Strand, shining spurs and belt, and everything about him in order; chin shaved, boots glittering, and all. But one extraordinary lapse. He wore an ordinary tweed cloth cap. What can the A.P.M. be doing in these days?"

New Actress-Manager.

Yet another of our younger actresses has taken on herself the trials and responsibilities of management. To-day we meet Miss Daisy Markham launches "The Mystery of the Yellow Room," founded by Mr. Hamford Bennett on the famous detective story, at Eastbourne. Later on she hopes to bring it to London.

Grosvenor Galleries.

I hear that the Grosvenor Galleries are to be shut down after all, the attempts to raise the necessary fund having met with no success. So London is to lose one of its principal galleries.

Italian English.

The efforts of the alien caterer to express himself in English are quaint in their results at times. In the window of an Italian restaurant in the City I saw a bill promising, among other dishes, "Roas chiket" and "steak and kidney pi." But the masterpiece was "Lamb and mince sauce."

Viscount's Grave Job.

A titled and very popular staff officer is Major Viscount Stopford. He is at the War Office and employed in the sad, but very important, Graves Department. Lord Stop-



Miss Constance Gillier will produce "Fairy Tales" at the Seaford Pavilion.



Miss Daisy Dean is playing at the Watlington Pavilion.

Our Mr. Hobbs.

Jack Hobbs tells me that he has taken quite kindly to a business life—he is now an athletic outfitter—and that he is doing very nicely, thank you. His many admirers will be pleased to hear it.

A £10,000 Premium.

I notice an astounding advertisement in a morning paper. A flat in Kensington is offered at a rental of £20 a year. But the premium demanded is £10,000! It looks as if the printer may have dashed in an extra nought or so.

THE RAMBLER.

"Mr. Ferguson."

I am told that when "Mr. Ferguson," "Abraham Lincoln's" successor at the Lyric, Hammersmith, is produced the leading woman part will be played by Miss Sara Allgood, who, three or four years ago, was starring with the Irish Players.

From Australia.

Miss Allgood is to travel from Australia to take up her part. Pending her arrival her place will be taken by her sister, Miss Maire O'Neill, the original Margaret Flaherty in "The Playboy of the Western World."

Actress as Dramatist.

Dramatists are not often of the superior sex, but Miss Hazel May, a young actress, playing at the Criterion, has written a piece which has actually been accepted for production. Actors have written plays before now—witness Wilson Barrett and Mr. A. E. W. Mason, among others—but I think that this is the first time that an actress has turned dramatist.

Panto. Seats for Young Writers.

In many homes now you can hardly hear yourself smoke a cigarette for the scratching of pens. The younger members of the family are feverishly dashing off letters to Pin and Squeak in the hope of capturing one of the 300 seats for the pantomime which Uncle Dick is giving away.

What to See.

In London seats for Drury Lane, the Lyceum, the Kennington Theatre and the Borough Theatre, Stratford, will be available for the lucky ones. Theatres at Manchester, Glasgow, Liverpool, Bradford, Bristol, Belfast, Newcastle and Leeds will also welcome our winners.

"Maid of the Mountains" Dinner.

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M. AYRES

WHO'S WHO IN THE STORY.

MEG ROSS, a young and pretty girl, who, from motives of duty, marries.

JEFFRY STAFFORD, a strong, determined man, to whom she marries.

Laurie Ross, Meg's brother, is under considerable financial obligations.

Allison Lee, Meg's closest friend. She is in love with Stafford.

LESLIE STAFFORD.—A young man who had at one time been adopted by Jeffry Stafford, from whom he had taken his name.

Meg, who is now in love with her husband, decides to break off her friendship with Leslie, but, "You've left one fact out of your calculation—that you've forgotten me!" the latter reminds her pointedly.

LESLIE NAMES HIS PRICE.

SO the cards were on the table at last! I hardly knew if I was glad or sorry that Leslie Stafford had revealed himself in his true colours, and let me see what I really had to face. It would be useless to pretend that I was not afraid of him, because I was—horribly afraid. And yet I managed to smile scornfully as our eyes met.

"I am afraid I don't understand what you mean," I said. He pulled up a chair.

"Won't you sit down? I will try to explain, and it may take some time."

"Thank you. I prefer to stand."

"As you please." He spoke indifferently, but I noticed how his eyes avoided mine, as if he were ashamed of this part he had set himself to play.

"I was fool enough to tell you when we first met," he began roughly, "but I am supposed to be no fool—*I'm not a good*, if you prefer to put it that way," he added in parentheses, as I made a little contemptuous movement.

"Very well! Let it go at that. I met you in unconventional, and extraordinary circumstances, and not one man in a hundred, though I say it myself, would have treated you with the respect that I did."

He laughed in self-scorn. "I suppose I was a fool but you were so young, and—and you spoke as if you were telling the truth."

"It was, of course," I broke in indignantly. "As I believe you were," he agreed bitterly. "So I did my best for you, and wondered all the time—why?... Oh, it wasn't only for Jeffry's sake, though perhaps I thought it was! Perhaps there's a streak of gratitude even in a man like me—sometimes. Anyhow, the reason served and was over afterwards when I knew you better than I realised that that was the real reason was, that I had fallen in love with you at first sight!"

"Oh, you may smile," he broke out passionately, "but it's the truth! If you had cared for me I could have been anything for your sake; if you had cared for me...."

"I knew that I was married!" I said painfully.

"Married!" he laughed. "What a marriage! To a man years older than you are, and a cold, calculating brute...."

"Please—can we leave my husband out of it?" I said quickly. "I could have killed him for speaking so of Jeffry. 'Will you please tell me what you mean by the threat you made just now?' And he didn't go!"

He lifted his eyes to me for the first time for some minutes, and they seemed to blaze.

"Yes, go—now you're no longer any use for me," he raved. "Go, and be forgotten now you think you've fallen on easier ground. You glad enough to have me with you—why you—glad enough to have me in kisses...."

My cheeks were scarlet.

"How dare you? Oh, how dare you?" I panted. "I only let you kiss me once.... once only! And I've been sorry for it ever since. If I'd only known what you really were—what sort of a man you could be—I would sooner have died far, far sooner."

The tears were in my eyes now, but they were tears of rage and mortification to think that I had ever liked this man and been glad of his friendship. How much wiser than I had Laurie and Jeffry been, and yet I had not chosen to believe in them.

And then, quite suddenly, Leslie's manner changed. He swept aside the chair that stood between us and fell on his side beside me.

"Meg, don't mind me away! I love you—just a little. I love you so much. I'd do anything for your sake. Come away with me—I'll make you so happy. You don't care for Jeffry—you told me yourself that you hated him, Meg—I beg of you!" He seized my hands and covered them with frantic kisses.

I dragged them free. I was almost incoherent with rage.

"Don't ever—dare to touch me again," I said hoarsely. "If I hate you already I shall hate you a thousand times more if you ever dare to touch me again. I'm sorry I ever knew you—sorry I ever made a friend of you. Laurie was right, after all...."

"Laurie!" He echoed my brother's name with such scorn that my anger deepened, were such a thing possible.

"He's a fine son to preach," he said with a bitter laugh.

I could not trust myself to answer, but I walked past him, drawing my skirts aside so that they did not touch him, and opened the door.

"Will you please go?" I said, and all my strength seemed suddenly to have failed me, and my voice was only a whisper.

But he did not move, and so we stood for some seconds in tragic silence; then Leslie laughed.

"So you turn me out, do you?" he said uncertainly. "That's your last word... is it?"

"Yes.... I did not care at all now how I offended him; I only wished to be rid of him,

(Translation, dramatic and all other rights secured.)

and as soon as possible, but he made no attempt to leave me. On the contrary, he dragged up a chair to the table and sat down.

"Very well," he said quietly, "then I may as well tell you what are my terms."

I turned my head slowly.

"Ten thousand?"

"Yes!" But he did not look at me as he went on coolly:

"You are a rich woman, I know, and you will be still richer if you go back to Stafford, as to which I expect you have already made up your mind. I am a poor man, and always shall be unless I take advantage of this moment, which I fully intend to do. You asked me to go just now. Well, you mean to go and never return."

"Very well," my price is ten thousand pounds—in cash.

I could not believe that he had really made such a monstrous announcement. For one second I thought he was joking, and my lips parted in a vague sort of smile. Then quite suddenly he looked up, and something in the expression of his eyes told me that this was no joking matter, but a deadly earnest.

He was a desperate man! Making one last fling to save himself from ruin.

"You must... you must be mad," I said faintly.

"Perhaps I am. Who knows? I've been accused of many worse things in my life. However... what do you say?"

"I refuse to hear his fees!" I refused utterly.

"He's worth it!" he retorted.

"Very well; then I shall go straight to Jeffry Stafford and tell him what has happened during his absence," I cried out.

"What has happened? Oh, how can you be so wicked? Oh, I thought you said you loved me!"

The faintest flicker of pain crossed his face, but it was gone instantly, and he answered in a voice which was tremulous.

"I shall tell him where you spent the first night after your marriage, and I shall tell him that I have been a constant visitor to this flat during his absence. I have a dozen witnesses to prove what I say—that I was the only visitor here and that I was here at all hours of the day and night. If you think that his trust in you is so great that you will give your version of the story—well and good! But I flatter myself that I know Jeffry rather better than you do—and I imagine that he will believe me."

MEG MAKES A RESOLVE.

THAT was a dreadful little silence. I was cold with fear; I had never seen such a man before. It was all like some vile dream, and all the worse because once I had liked him and been happy in his company.

I found my voice presently with an effort.

"Very well.... tell him!... Tell him what you like."

He waited one moment, then he passed me and went out into the hall. "I will take you at your word," he said.

I let him go as far as the front door, then my courage failed me. I knew as well as he did how hard Jeffry would be to get rid of him, and I was afraid to judge between us, and I knew too, that the face all looked very black against me. Of what use to swear that I was guilty of nothing worse than a foolish friendship? In the circumstances, how many disinterested people would believe me?

Was my happiness to be wrecked for the second time. I felt sick with dread and doubt as I watched him with haggard eyes; then, as he pushed his hand out to open the door, I found my voice.

"Come back."

I rushed across to him, and caught his arm.

"Wait a moment. Come back! I want to speak to you," and then, as he seemed about to refuse, I added imploringly, "Oh, I beg of you to come back."

He obeyed them, and followed me again into the dark room.

"Well?" he said hardly.

I stood with averted head. I was afraid to look at him for fear he should see the hatred in my eyes.

"Jeffry—Jeffry is away now," I said at last hoarsely. "He will be gone—two days—perhaps three! Will you—will you give me till he comes back only till he comes back—to make up my mind?"

Heaven alone knows what he heard in my voice—what depths of emotion it betrayed, in spite of all my efforts to keep it expressionless, but he came over to me suddenly and turned me round to him, looking down into my eyes.

Then he laughed.

"Oh, you—oh, you little fool! I believe you—can't bear him," he said savagely.

I could not have answered had my life depended on it, and neither could I tear my eyes away from his.

"Came for him!" he said again roughly. "My God! for that! that ugly great—brute!"

And then, as I gave a stifled cry of impotent rage, he let me go.

"Don't ever—dare to touch me again," he said coolly. "For your own sake, I should advise you to do so." Then he turned away again, and this time I did not call him back.

A common blackmailer! And I had made a friend of him! I had let him kiss me, and I had missed him when sometimes a day had passed and he did not come to the flat. The ignorance of all was by far the hardest thing to bear, that and the knowledge of my disloyalty to Jeffry.

And yet—surely there were some extenuating circumstances to be urged for my defence. Looking back to my marriage and taking fact by fact, it seemed as if perhaps a disinterested onlooker might have found a little sympathy for me.

I was at my wit's end to know what to do. It was not that I minded in the least about

parting with my money. Leslie Stafford could have had every penny I possessed in the world if only I never had never seen him again, but I was afraid to trust him.

How did I know, if once I was weak enough to give way to him, that he would not blackmail me for the rest of my life and his?

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I suppose that is the way with all people who love for the second time; and yet—my feeling for my husband was something quite different from the romantic affection I had known for Anthony. It seemed somehow deeper and more lasting—something that I would fight to retain to the end of my life.

I had known it had been known its dearness.

The day wore away slowly, and just when I felt I could bear my company no longer the post came and brought me a letter from Jeffry.

If it had been a message straight from heaven I could not have been more delighted.

I kissed the big, scrawly writing on the envelope before I opened it—the envelope that contained my first love letter from him.

He had written it in his hurried way to the station.

"Sweetheart, I have been wishing ever since I left you last night that I had brought you with me—or perhaps it is only my conceit that tells me you would have come had I suggested it. I shall race through my business at top speed and be with you again as soon as possible—for ever then, I hope."

I read the few lines through dozens of times till I knew them by heart, and this fresh expression of his love for me seemed to give me back my courage.

How could I doubt him when he cared so much? Why should I think that he would more readily believe a story told to him by a man whom he disliked and despised than by me whom he loved?

There could be no happiness for us with the smallest shadow between us, I knew, and before I went to bed that night I made up my mind that I would defy Leslie Stafford and tell him everything.

Another fine instalment will appear tomorrow.

SORCER ACCUSERS SENT TO GAOL.

BORDEAUX, Sunday.

In the case of the Weeping Virgin yesterday the magistrates condemned the accused to three months' imprisonment each and awarded £20 damages to Abbe Sapounghi, whom defendants accused of practising sorcery and assaulted.—Central News.

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ROUND the SHOPS

FASHIONS FOR SPRINGTIME.



ALREADY the winter sales are coming to an end, and the shop windows are bright with new models for spring wear. Hats, tailor-mades, evening and afternoon gowns, light wrap coats of new and attractive designs are to be seen in their numbers. *

BLACK OILCLOTH
being straw were the pretty materials used for a smart mushroom-shaped hat for country and sports wear. Straw formed the main part of the model, and the oilcloth, in circular discs, adorned the crown.

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SOURCE SATIN
of soft hued champagne colour made, delightful a simple evening gown. Its square-necked bodice and above-the-elbow sleeves were bordered with bands of white organdie, while the skirt was daintily draped to the left side, forming a one-sided pannier effect.

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BLUE-GREY BURACOTTA, embroidered with white wool motifs, made smart a simple tailor-made costume. Its three-quarter length coat had the "nipped-in" waist effect, while two deep cone-shaped pockets gave it the desired pannier effect.

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JADE AND BLACK
satin bands adorned a charming afternoon gown of pale lemon charmeuse. An upturned collar of organdie finished the neck, while bands of organdie to match peeped from the edge of the above-the-elbow sleeves.

MARJORIE.



Wired lace panels finished with hand silk tassels give a boudoir appearance to this simple evening gown of apricot charmeuse.



UNCLE DICK'S LETTER.

Daily Mirror Office, Jan. 18.

MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—

Get busy at once and send your little letter to Pip and Squeak and try and win one of the 300 free pantomime seats I am offering. I am so sorry for the children who live in the towns or villages where there is no pantomime. Never mind, we must try to arrange a special treat for them later on.

Your affectionate Uncle Dick.



No. 12.—A Mysterious Cry.

FOR some moments the weird dance continued without interruption. But at last Ralph called to Nobo, and the black guide came running up to him, panting heavily from his exertions and out of breath, from ear to ear.

"Now, what did Massa Ralph like dance?" he asked. But before the boy could reply there was a strange interruption. A low cry, weird than anything they had ever heard before, came floating through the trees of the forest. It was an uncanny sound, hardly human it seemed, and Ralph felt a cold shiver running down his spine.

The smile disappeared from Nobo's face as though by magic, to be replaced by a look of absolute terror. His eyes took on a furlike appearance and his fingers began to twitch nervously.

"What's the matter now, you old hero?" asked Jack, trying to speak gaily. He himself had

been more than a little startled, but he would not show it.

"Cannibals!" whispered Nobo hoarsely. But although the boys questioned him closely he would say nothing further.

It was decided to turn in for the night, but it must be confessed that strange dreams of dancing cannibals interrupted the boys' sleep. The bright morning sun, however, did a lot to drive away their fears.

While breakfast was being prepared Nobo wandered about outside the tents, a thoughtful



The porcupine scampered away into the forest.

look on his face. Suddenly he gave a shrill cry of pain and leapt high in the air. Jack dashed out of his tent, thinking it was the cannibals.

All was not to be, nor indeed did the figures of

men, who live in London, Manchester, Glasgow, Leeds, Newcastle, Belfast, Bristol, Bradford or Liverpool, should lose their heads over the porcupine. It was time for Pip and Squeak (Pantomime), The Daily Mirror, 29, Bonner-street, London, E.C. 4. All letters, which can be written about any subject, must beat the age of the competitor and reach this office before January 26.

(To-morrow: A Pigmy in the Forest.)

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SHEA'S SCORING FEAT FOR WALES—JOCKEY'S DEATH

England Routed at Swansea—Great Day for Home Teams in the Leagues.

"POMPEY" AND GILLINGHAM OUT OF CUP.

As was expected, Wales proved too good for England at Swansea in the Rugby match, and won by 19 points to 5 before an enthusiastic Cymric crowd of 40,000 people, who were daunted by the most dismal weather. There was some wonderful play, despite the conditions, and Shea came out as a worthy successor to the great Welsh backs of the past.

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Wales Always Best.—Facing a strong wind and rain in the first half, Wales were the better side, but made some blunders in attack and failed to score until shortly before half-time. The much-dismayed England had to wait. Then the much-disputed Anglo-Welsh player Hammert gave England a victory over Bristol City, and they are now through and enabled Day to score a try for England. This Day converted, and England led by a point at 3 at the interval.

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Shea's Wonderful Form.—But there was a different tale to tell of the second half. Against the wind, the kicking of Cambria and the mud to be desired, Hammert, Day, got more or less crooked, and Wales kept for the most part in England's lines. A typical bit of Welsh play by Shea gave them a try. He feinted to pass to Beynon, and then, as the ball was still in his hands, he had a wonderful try from the posts. He converted himself. Later he gave Powell the pass which enabled the right winger to score a try. Although he failed to convert, he nevertheless added a penalty goal for Wales, and thus had a hand in all the scoring efforts of his side. He is Jerry Shea, well known in another sport as a first-class boxer.

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CHELSEA'S 55,000 "GATE."

Visitors' Winning Ways.—A remarkable thing about Saturday's League football was the success which attended the efforts of home clubs. Of the matches played, the scores of the games in which the league had only one visiting team was successful. We have become so used to large attendances that the fact that over half a million people watched a game can be considered ordinary. The last item is worth putting into the crowd at Stamford Bridge was estimated at 55,000.

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London's League Teams.—London had a remarkably good day. Seven of their representatives won or drew, and only one lost. Crystal Palace and Millwall, all away—were beaten. Chelsea repeated their victory over Manchester United. Cock got his usual goal, and so did the winner. He has indeed turned into a good player, and is now a force to be reckoned with. Two penalty goals—one to each side—were a feature of the Manchester City-Arsenal match, which the City deservedly won.

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Throstles Singing Again.—West Bromwich Albion recovered from their Cup defeat, and Blackburn Rovers felt the full force of the Throstles' brilliance. The Albion have now scored seventy-two goals this season, and are likely to reach the century. The Villa and Burnley again did no goals, while Scotland and Newcastle again bowed the knee to Oldham Athletic. Charlie Buchan led the Sunderland team mainly against Derby County, and although his side

only won by the odd goal in three, one of their goals coming in the last minute, there was never any doubt about the result.

Fulham's Missed Penalty.—A missed penalty kick by Cook and a goal against them in the last minute tells the story of Fulham's defeat. Stockport kept up their record of promotion by a defeat at West Ham in a game in which too much "vigor" was shown, and Clapton Orient accomplished a good performance in beating Barnet 3-0. Pompey had the best try of the experiment of playing Forest—a half-back, at centre forward, and Parker, the outside right, at inside, and it worked very well. One goal was sufficient to give Birmingham a victory over Bristol City, and they are now through with Huddersfield.

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Palace Going Up.—Crystal Palace took advantage of Portsmouth's engagement in the Cup to draw away from the leaders. They did not do so well, however, and were beaten, but the average is slightly inferior. Their victory over Watford was thoroughly deserved, although it was not until the second half that they got on top. The "Spurs" have to thank the weak performance of their drews, who resulted in Smith getting a goal, and their goalkeeper, Merrick, who made many fine saves for their victory over Reading at two.

Portsmouth's Cup Defeat.

The South lost two more clubs as the result of Saturday's Cup-ties. With a second round visit to Tottenham in view, Gillingham had to manfully go at West Stanley, but after an even first half, in which Reilly equalised for both sides, the second half saw the defeat. Brian Scott kept goal well, but he was eventually beaten by Walton and Hall. Portsmouth were no match for Bradford City, and a share of a 35,000 gate for the Cup final satisfaction they obtained from their visit to Yorkshire.

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BECKETT OR SMITH?

Albert Hall Boxing.—As the time draws near for the contest between Beckett and Smith at the Albert Hall it is curious to note the numbers of people who are coming over to the idea that Smith will probably be champion of England before the year is out. There is no question that he is the better boxer, but Beckett has youth and strength, and with those attributes in natural pace, and they are three essentials in a boxer. He knows the use of the straight left. He will not have to weaken himself this time by training down to 12st. 6lb., but he will do to most of his big matches in the cruiser-weight class, and he has already outpointed Beckett in twenty rounds.

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Will Form Work Out?—The other heavy-weight bout between Bomber Wells and Harry Reeve was a promising one of the best. The last named once got a decision over Smith in a London Bantam bout, but I was one of those present who thought that Smith won comfortably. Reeve was then a boy of nineteen, and he has since been a man, and Smith is, he has always met his master in Wells. So here all known form makes Wells out to be the likeliest winner.

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To-day's Big Contests.—There is much good boxing to-day. At the National Sporting Club Fred

Newberry and Tom Thomas are to appear in a weight-welter contest which ought to provide plenty of thrills. At the Hoxton Baths Alf Wye and Danny Morgan, of Wales, will take part in a rubber match over twenty rounds. Wye and a good many more people took part in the session on the night of last meeting. At the Ring there is Jack Daniels v. Seaman Stevens, also in a twenty rounds bout. And at night there is good boxing at Latimer-road Baths, Wimborne. A wide and varied choice for the evening.

Boxers at Football.—To-day there is one match which should appeal to the sportsmen. I refer to the contest between Major Wilson's team of boxers and Harry Welchman's theatrical side, which is made up mainly from the orchestra's company. It takes place at the Craven Cottage, and the Delays will kick off, and the proceeds, without deduction of any kind, will be given to St. Dunstan's Hostel for the blind. It is up to everyone who can get away to support this.

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Bliss' Usual Goal.—Tottenham drew further ahead in the race for promotion by beating Stockport County more easily than the score would lead one to suppose. But the draw, though a first-time loss, had the goalkeeper standing still. Birds, in the Stockport goal, kept a clean sheet, but was beaten again in the second half by the "Spurs" who had the ball well under control.

The "Spurs" were not at their best, and the ball it cramps one's game somewhat. I will not particularise, but there were too many of the fouls at the right end. There were too many of the fouls for good football.

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CHARITY PERFORMER.



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S 103241 Sergeant Dick Smith. *X 20441 A*
BOXING CONTEST.—Sergeant Dick Smith and Joe Buckett, who are to meet at the Albert Hall on Friday, January 30, when they will box for the heavy-weight championship of England.



WEEK-END SPORT FROM ALL QUARTERS.



A race for possession in the Rugby international game at Swansea. After opening in good style, England were beaten by 19 points to 5.



S 20291 A lady photographed taking a "snap" of the international Rugby football match at Swansea.



A Welshman secures the ball from a line-out. Day secured the only try scored by England, who led by two points at the interval.



S 103241 Mr. Pigott, who was badly injured through falling off Loomian at thehurst Park race meeting on Saturday.



S 20291 HOCKEY.—A chase for the ball in the Mid-Surrey v. Bromley match.

Coming over a jump in the Mitre Handicap Steeplechase at Hurst Park on Saturday.



S 20291 ARMY v. R.A.F.—An anxious moment for the Army goalie in the match at Queen's Club on Saturday. The Army defeated the Airmen by seven goals to three.

S 20291 VARSITY GOLFING SOCIETY'S TOURNAMENT.—Some of the players in the three days' tournament at Rye arriving at the course by light railway.